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Chapter 1

Unpacking and Parts Identification

Carefully unpack the instrument and accessories from the shipping container. Check the individual parts against the list of components in Table 1. If any parts are missing or damaged, notify TSI immediately.

Table 1. List of Components

Qty	Item Description	Part/Model
1	Mass Flowmeter, 22 mm ISO tapered inlet/outlet Mass Flowmeter, 0.50 inch inlet/outlet Mass Flowmeter, 0.75 inch inlet/outlet	4040 4043 4045
1	Computer Cable	1303583
1	Analog Cable	1303584
1	Filter 22 mm ISO-taper (for Model 4040) 3/8" Female NPT (for Model 4043/45)	 1602292 1602300
1	AC Adapter 100 to 240 V, N. America NEMA 5-15 plug, grounded 100 to 240 V, Europlug, CEE 7/16, grounded 100 to 240 V, Great Britain, grounded, fused 100 to 240 V, Australia/NZ	 8918-NA 8918-EC 8918-GB 8918-AT
1	Operation and Service Manual	1980339
1	RS232 Serial Command Set manual	1980340
1	Carrying Case (optional accessory)	1319176

Parts Identification

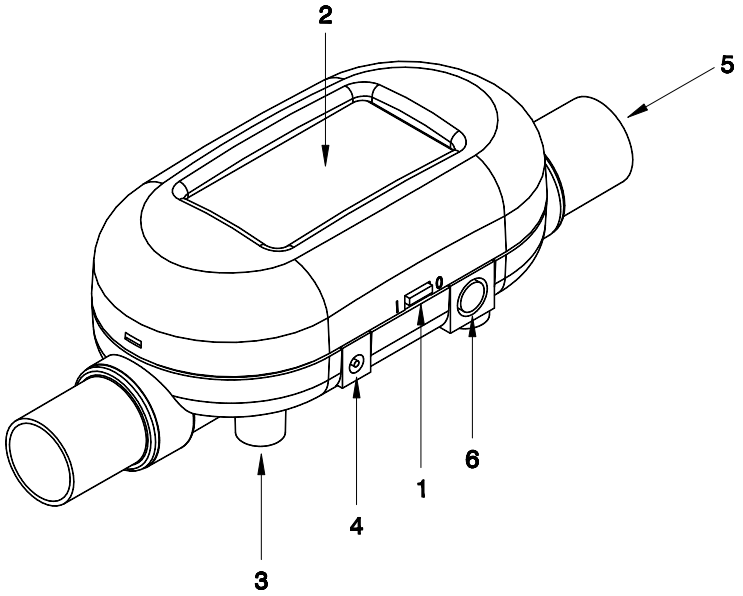


Figure 1-1 Model 4040/4043/4045 Mass Flowmeter

1. On/Off Switch
2. Display
3. Mounting Inserts (2)
4. DC Power Input
5. Flow Inlet
6. Computer Serial Interface and Analog Output and Optional Power Input Connector

Chapter 2

Setting-Up

Supplying Power
The flowmeter can be powered in one of two ways: through the power jack using the supplied AC adapter or through the mini-DIN connector. The DC power input connector is shown below along with the power requirements.

Power Supply: 7.5 VDC ± 1.5 V, 300 mA maximum

When supplying power through the TSI-supplied interface cable, line up the arrow on the connector with the bottom side of the flowmeter. Flowmeter connector pin-out designations are shown below.

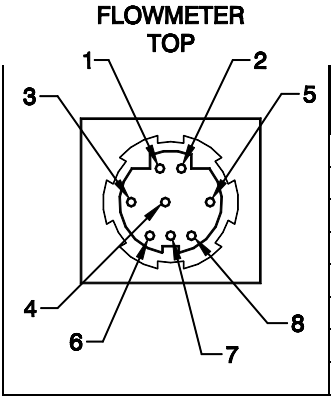


Table 2. List of Connector Pin-outs and Cable Color Code Designations

Pin	Function	Cable Color Code
1	Power Input (+)	Black
2	Power Ground (-)	Green
3	Analog Output (+)	Red
4	Analog Ground (-)	Brown
5	(no connection)	Blue
6	RS232 Receive (in)	White
7	RS232 Transmit (out)	Yellow
8	Logic Ground	Gray

Connecting Filter and Flow Tubes
The Models 4040/4043/4045 have an exposed thermal flow sensor, which must be protected from foreign matter and particles in the gas flow. TSI has supplied a filter, which should be connected to the inlet of the flowmeter, however, any filter will work as long as it has a minimum efficiency of 99.9%.

Caution

Always use a filter on the inlet of the flowmeter. Failure to filter the gas flow may change the calibration and/or permanently damage the sensor.

Note: Flow direction is identified by the large arrow printed on the bottom side of the flowmeter.

After attaching the filter, connect the flow tube, to the inlet, of the filter. Connecting a tube to the outlet of the flowmeter will create back pressure. See Appendix A for flowmeter accuracy specifications when operating at various pressures. In general, minimize back pressure on the flowmeter to maintain higher accuracy.

RS232 Configuration and Operation
Many flowmeter operating parameters can be easily configured through the RS232 serial port. Likewise, the flow rate, temperature, pressure, and volume can be read through the serial port. Refer to the ***Series 4000/4100 RS232 Serial Command Set*** manual for a detailed description of the commands and command syntax.

RS232 Settings:
Baud Rate .....38.4 k
Data Bits.....8
Parity.....None
Stop Bits 1
Flow Control.....None

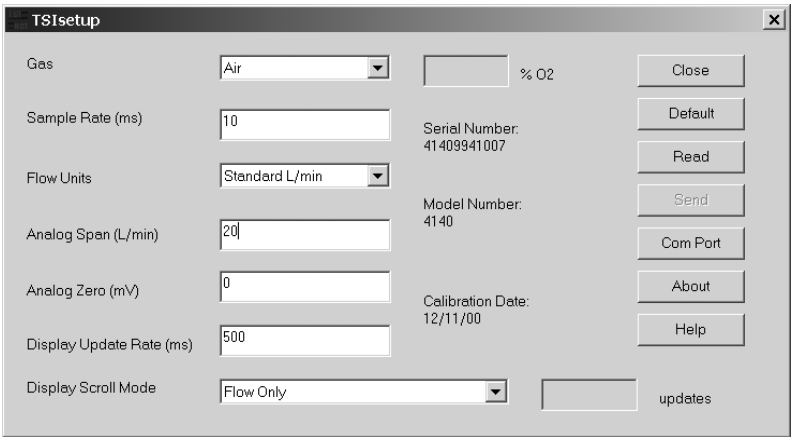
Table 3. Changeable Operating Parameters

Function	Command
Select Gas Calibration (air, oxygen, mixture)	SG
Select Oxygen Concentration in Air (21% to 99%)	SGM
Select Standard or Volumetric Flow Measurement	SU
LCD Display Update Rate (controls averaging)	SUR
Select Data Update Rate for Analog Output	SSR
Set Analog Output Full-Scale Flow Rate Value	SAS
Set Analog Output Zero Value	SAZ

Configuration Software
TSI has several software utilities to help you communicate with your flowmeter to change parameters and to obtain flow data. You can download the latest versions of these at no charge from our web site:

http://flowmeters.tsi.com

1. If you only want to change one or more of the operating parameters shown in Table 3 (above), the easiest way is to use the software utility called ***"TSI setup."*** This uses convenient drop-down menus to help change these parameters. After you have made your changes, be sure to click on "Send" to store the changes in the flowmeter's memory.



2. If you want to communicate directly with the flowmeter using the basic RS232 commands shown in the ***Serial Command Set Manual***, you can use a terminal program. HyperTerminal is a common terminal program that is included with most versions of the Microsoft operating system. You can download a document from our web site that helps you configure HyperTerminal. Download the document called **"Using HyperTerminal to communicate with TSI Flowmeters."**

3. If you plan to develop a more sophisticated program for data collection and control using LabVIEW, you can download a demonstration program called ***"Real-time Demo Program"*** and the source code ***"Source Code for Real-time Demo Program."*** This program is intended to be a basic demonstration program and not a practical laboratory tool. It does, however, have a convenient implementation of the VOLUME measurement function that can be useful for basic tests.

Chapter 3

Operation

Caution

TSI flowmeters are not medical devices under FDA 510k and in no situation should they be utilized for human respiration measurements.

Overview
The Models 4040/4043/4045 Flowmeters measure mass flow rate, temperature and absolute pressure of the gas inside the flow tube. All measurements made by the Model 4040/4043/4045 are NIST traceable.

ON/OFF Switch
Slide the switch to the ON position. The power switch is marked in the international symbols '|' for *on* and 'O' for *off*. The flowmeter will begin to simultaneously display flow rate, temperature and pressure.

Warm-up Time
The flowmeter will provide readings immediately upon power-up. Recommended warm-up time of the flowmeter is 5 minutes.

Flow Rate Measurement
Flow rate data can be obtained from the Models 4040/4043/4045 through the LCD display, RS232 serial port or the linearized analog output. The analog output is a 0 to 10 volt DC linear signal representing 0 to 300 Std L/min (Model 4043: 200 Std. L/min) (analog output scaling is user selectable). Refer to the RS232 Serial Command Set manual for instructions on how to obtain flow data through the serial port.

Gas calibrations (air, 100% nitrogen, 100% oxygen, or air/oxygen mixtures) can be selected through the RS232 serial port. Refer to the RS232 Serial Command Set manual for instructions on how to select gas calibrations. The LCD display will indicate the calibration being utilized, air or O_2. When air/oxygen mixtures are being measured, the LCD display will illuminate both the air and oxygen symbols. When nitrogen is selected no gas type is displayed on the LCD.

Flow can be displayed in units of standard liters per minute (Std L/min*) or in volumetric units of liters per minute (L/min). Refer to Appendix B for a description between the two measurements. Selecting between the two measurements is accomplished through the serial port. Refer to the RS232 Serial Command Set manual for instructions on how to select between flow units.

Temperature Measurement
The Models 4040/4043/4045 have an independent temperature transducer in the flow tube to measure the gas temperature. The temperature sensor is used for temperature compensation of flow rate and for converting flow from standard to volumetric units. Temperature is displayed on the LCD and is available through the RS232 serial port in the units of degrees Celsius (°C).

Note:	At low flow rates, the temperature inside of the flow tube will increase because of the heat generated by the thermal flow sensor. This effect is normal and the temperature of the incoming gas will be measured once flow resumes.

Pressure Measurement
The Models 4040/4043/4045 measure absolute pressure near the outlet of the flowmeter in the SI units of kilo-Pascals (kPa). Pressure measurements are required when converting from standard to volumetric flow. Absolute pressure measurements are displayed on the LCD display and are available through the RS232 serial port.

Volume Measurement
The Models 4040/4043/4045 measure total volume by integrating flow over time. This is a calculated measurement performed by the flowmeter and is only available using the RS232 serial port. Volume is not displayed on the LCD display. Refer to the Models 4040/4043/4045 RS232 Serial Command Set manual for instructions on using the volume function.

*TSI instruments defines standard conditions as 21.1°C (70° F) and 101.3 kPa (14.7 psia, 1 bar).

Chapter 4

Maintenance

Flow Sensor
Periodically inspect the flow sensor by looking into the outlet of the flowmeter. Remove dust, particles and fibers from the sensor, with clean, dry compressed air. The flow sensor will break if touched. ***Never run liquids through the flowmeter and never touch the sensor with a brush.*** Dust or other deposits on the flow sensor will degrade the 4040/4043/4045 flowmeter's flow accuracy.

Caution

The flowmeter must be switched off for cleaning. Only use clean, dry, compressed air when attempting to remove contamination from the sensor.

Re-certification
To maintain a high degree of confidence in the measurements made by the Models 4040/4043/4045, TSI recommends that you return the instrument to TSI every 12 months for re-certification. For a nominal fee, we will recalibrate the unit and return it to you with a certificate of calibration and US National Institute of Standards Technology (NIST) traceability. This "annual checkup" assures you of consistently accurate readings; it is especially important in applications where strict calibration records must be maintained.

Cases
If the instrument case or storage case needs cleaning, wipe it off with a soft cloth dipped in isopropyl alcohol or mild detergent. ***Never*** submerge the flowmeter.

Storage
When storing the flowmeter, always cover the ends of flow tubes with the provided caps to prevent dust or other foreign matter from entering the tube.

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Chapter 5

Troubleshooting

Table 4 lists the symptoms, possible causes, and recommended solutions for common problems encountered with the flowmeter. If the symptom is not listed, or if none of the solutions solves the problem, please contact TSI Customer Support at 1-800-874-2811 or 651-490-2811.

Table 4. Troubleshooting

Symptom	Possible Causes	Corrective Action
No display.	Unit not switched on.	Switch on the unit.
	No power to instrument.	Plug in AC adapter or check power source on mini-DIN connector.
Temperature reads high at low or zero flows.	Temperature sensor is being heated from the flow sensor.	This is normal. Once flow exceeds 1 Std L/min, the temperature will track the flowing gas temperature.
Flow readings fluctuate badly.	The flow is fluctuating.	Improve inlet conditions or increase display averaging time.
Display shows flows over-range with no flow passing through flow tube.	The sensor may be damaged or broken.	Return flowmeter to TSI for service.

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Appendix A

Specifications*

Flow Measurement	
Measurement Range	
Models 4040/4045	0 to 300 Std L/min.
Model 4043 only	0 to 200 Std L/min.
Accuracy	
Air, O_2	2% of reading or 0.05 Std L/min, whichever is greater
N_2, Air/O_2 mixtures	3% of reading or 0.1 Std L/min, whichever is greater Accuracy stated at standard conditions: 21.1°C and 101.3 kPa) See notes **1** through **6** below.
Resolution (Display)	0.01 Std L/min between 0 and 90 Std L/min 0.1 Std L/min between 90 and 300 Std L/min
Response	Less than 4 msec, 63% of final value at full scale flow
Temperature Measurement	
Measurement Range	0 to 50°C
Accuracy	±1°C, at flows greater than 1 L/min. See note **2** below.
Resolution (Display)	0.1°C
Response	Less than 75 msec, 63% of final value for 20°C step change in temperature at full scale flow
Static Pressure Measurement (Measured inside flow tube near the exit)	
Measurement Range	50 to 199 kPa Absolute
Accuracy	±1 kPa, See note **7** below
Resolution (Display)	0.1 kPa
Response	Less than 4 msec. 63% of final value for 30 kPa step change
Over Pressure	620 kPa
Burst Pressure	
Tested to 690 kPa without rupture. Do **not** exceed 690 kPa.	
Pressure Drop	
See Chart.	
Volume	
Measurement Range	0.001 to 99.99 Liters
Accuracy	2% of Reading at flows greater than 2.5 Std L/min See notes **1** through **6** below.
Instrument Temp. Range	
Operation, Ambient	0 to 50°C
Storage, Ambient	-20 to 60°C

Physical Dimensions	
External Dimensions	See Diagram
Tube Adapters (Inlet & Outlet)	Model 4040: 22 mm male ISO Taper Model 4043: ½ inch straight Model 4045: ¾ inch straight
Weight	180 grams
Flow Body Material	PolyCarbonate
Computer Interface	
Connector	8 pin mini-DIN
Type	RS232 Serial
Baud Rate	38.4 k
Data Bits	8
Parity	None
Stop Bits	1
Flow Control	None
Analog Output (Flow Only)	
Range	0 to 10 V
Resolution	13 bit
Maximum Current	5 mA
Flow Accuracy	See note **6** below.
Power	
AC adapter or power supplied through mini-DIN 7.5 VDC ± 1.5 V, 300 mA maximum	

Notes:

1 Accuracy stated at standard conditions of 21.1°C and 101.3 kPa.

- Add an additional 0.075% of reading per 1°C away from standard conditions when operating within the range of 0°C to 50°C.
- Add an additional 0.015% of reading per 1 kPa above 101.3 kPa or
- Add an additional 0.022% of reading per 1 kPa below 101.3 kPa when operating within the pressure range of 70 kPa to 170 kPa.

2 Accuracy stated with gas temperature and flow body temperature within ±10°C of one another.

3 Accuracy stated measuring dry gas (less than 10% R.H.).

4 Includes ±0.5% of reading repeatability.

5 Volumetric flow rate is calculated from the mass flow measurement. Add an additional 0.25% of reading to the flow accuracy to account for the uncertainty in measuring gas temperature and pressure.

6 For analog output, accuracy offset increases from 0.05 to 0.1 Std L/min.

7 Add uncertainty of 0.2 kPa for every 10°C away from 21.1°C.

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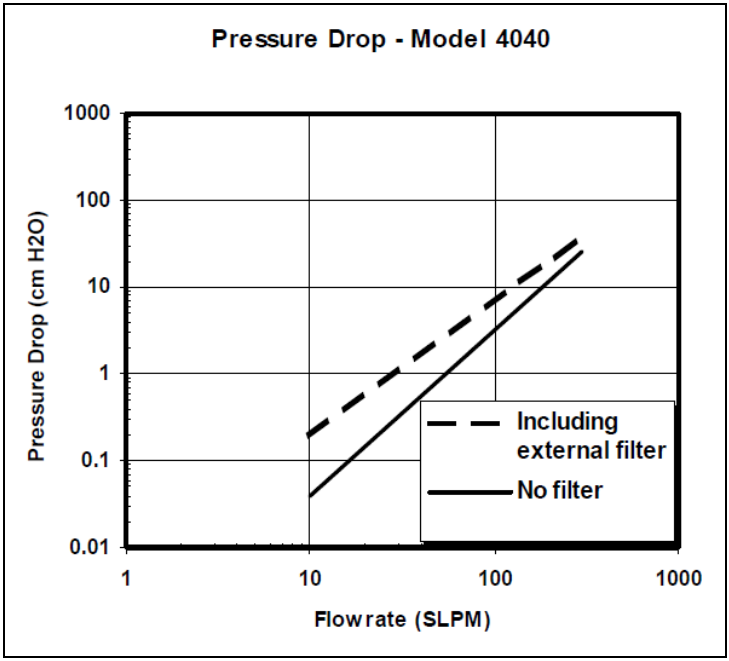
Pressure Drop - Model 4040
Pressure Drop (cm H2O)
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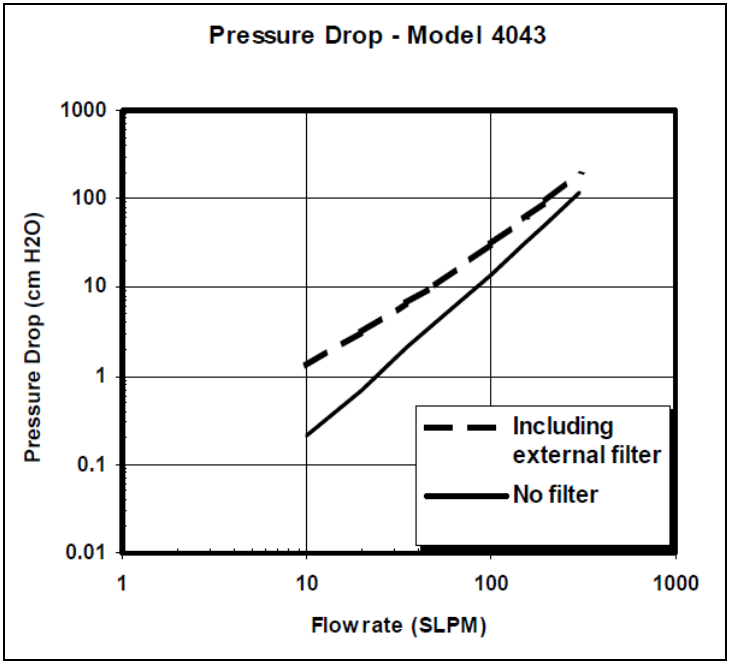
Flowrate (SLPM)
Including external filter
No filter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Pressure Drop (cm H2O)
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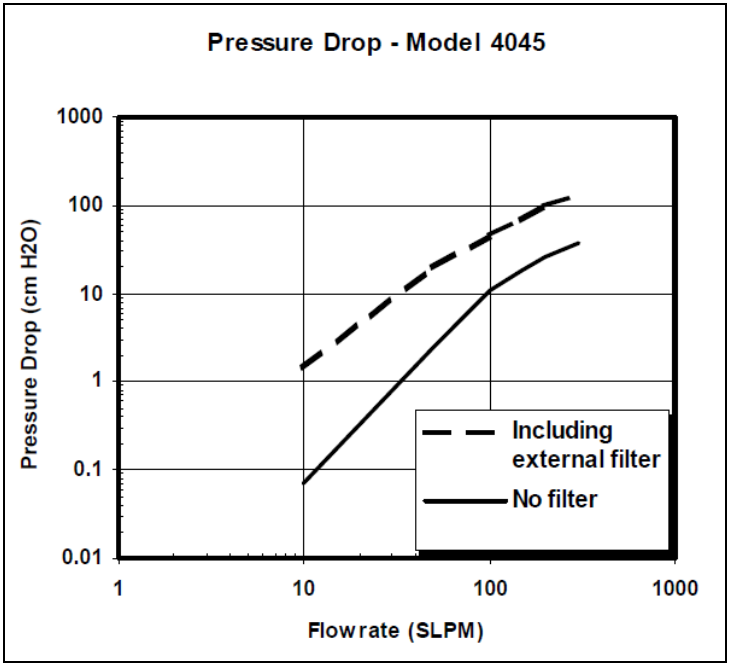
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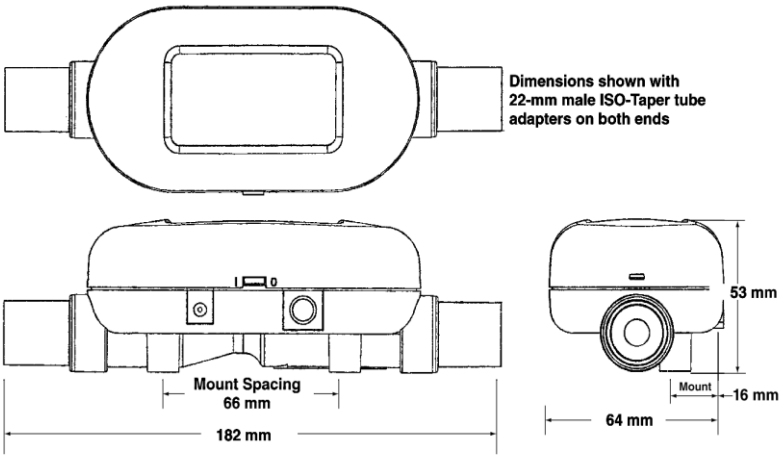
Dimensions shown with 22-mm male ISO-Taper tube adapters on both ends
Mount Spacing 66 mm
182 mm
53 mm
Mount
16 mm
64 mm

Appendix B

Standard Flow Rate vs. Volumetric Flow Rate

Since thermal flow sensors are sensitive to changes in air density and air velocity, all thermal flowmeters indicate flow rates with reference to a set of standard conditions. For TSI instruments, standard conditions are defined as 21.1° C (70° F) and 101.3 kPa (14.7 psia). Other manufacturers may use different values.

Standard flow rate is the flow rate the air would be moving if the temperature and pressure were at standard conditions. It is usually the most useful measure of airflow because it defines the heat-carrying capacity of the air.

Volumetric flow rate is the true volume flow of the gas exiting the flowmeter.

In some instances, volumetric flow rate rather than standard flow rate may be of interest. To display volumetric flow rate, the Models 4040/4043/4045 will multiply the standard flow measurement by the following density correction factor:

$$Volumetric\,Flow = (StandardFlow)\left[\frac{273.15 + T_m}{273.15 + 21.11}\right]\frac{101.3}{P_m}$$

Where

T_m = Gas temperature measured in flow tube in units of degrees Celsius

P_m = Absolute pressure measured in flow tube in units of kPa

To demonstrate the difference in output, consider the following.

Measured flow displays 100 Std L/min at 15C and 117kPa. The volumetric flow as calculated by the Models 4040/4043/4045 would be as follows.

$$Volumetric\,Flow = (100)\left[\frac{273.15 + 15}{273.15 + 21.11}\right]\frac{101.3}{117} = 84.78 L/\min$$

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